PRESENT:—*cont.*

Soundarapandia Nadar, Mr. W. P. A.
Souter, I.C.S., Mr. C. A.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. R.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Sahib R.
Subrahmanya Moopanar, Mr. S.
Subrahmanya Pillai, Mr. Chavadi K.
Swami, Mr. K. V. R.
Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. McG. C.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib, Mr. K.
Venkatapati Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C.S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Kallikota.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Singampatti.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Industries

Appointment of the Director of Industries.

* 1098 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question of appointing an officer with technical knowledge to the post of the Director of Industries has been considered by the Government and if so, what its decision is;

(*b*) why the Government have not carried out the recommendations of the Indian Industrial Commission in regard to this matter; and

(*c*) whether the Government have thought about the desirability of appointing a Committee to ascertain and report on the progress of work in each of the several sections of the Department of Industries before closing down any of the institutions connected therewith?

A.—(*a*) Yes. The Government have decided to give due consideration to the feasibility of appointing such an officer when a suitable opportunity occurs.

(*b*) It is their recommendation that is kept in view in making selections for the post.

(*c*) The Government see no need at present to adopt the procedure suggested.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi:—"May I know, Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (*a*) whether any attempt has been made to secure an officer for the post and with what results?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Every attempt will be made."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to get for the place of the Deputy Director of Industries also a technical man?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"That is not a matter under consideration, now Sir."

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Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know, Sir, which are the sections which are likely to be closed by the Director of Industries or by the Industries Department ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Nothing has yet been settled."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I ask, Sir, whether if that has not been decided as yet, he will be pleased to consult public opinion, particularly, the opinion of the Council with regard to the closure of such sections ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"That is a matter yet under the consideration of Government. We have had several committees and conferences and the Government have not yet come to any conclusions. Their recommendations are being considered by Government now."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—"In view of the fact that the Industrial Commission has recommended the appointment of a gentleman with technical knowledge and also this House has insisted time and again to appoint an Indian, technically qualified, may I know how long since Government have been considering the necessity of putting in a man with technical qualifications, instead of keeping it for officials as a stop-gap ?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"As I have already said there was no occasion for us to think of the matter. When the present incumbent vacates his office, the whole question will be considered in all its aspects."

Enquiry into the condition of the textile industry in the Presidency.

* 1099 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) (1) whether Government have appointed a Committee to enquire into the present condition and the future of the textile industry in this Presidency and if so, who its members are and what the points are on which enquiry is to be made ; (2) under what authority, how and from what source the expenses are to be met ;

(b) whether the Committee includes representatives of the Spinners and Weavers' Associations and Sangams, which have experience of the industries, and if not, why not ;

(c) how many meetings of the Committee have been held, and where ;

(d) what the results of the deliberations are ; and

(e) what measures Government have decided or propose to take for promoting the textile industry ?

A.—(a) No Committee with any definite terms of reference has been appointed. The hon. Minister has however convened a Conference of the following hon. Members of the Legislative Council and non-official gentlemen with a view to consulting them on the working of the Textile section and consider the line of future progress and development :—

(1) M.R.Ry. N. Sivaraj Avargal, M.L.C.
(2) ,, B. Ramachandra Reddi Avargal, M.L.C.
(3) ,, C. Gopala Menon Avargal, M.L.C.